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E.O. 11652: GDS

SUBJ: SOVIET NOTES IN ITU AND UPU REGARDING BERLIN
AND GDR

REF: A) BONN 17594 B) GENEVA 6547 C) BONN 17081
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1. DEPARTMENT APPROVES, IN GENERAL, TEXT OF
PROPOSED REPLY TO SOVIET UPU NOTE (REFTEL A). WE
BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT FIRST SENTENCE COULD BE READ
AS BASING COMMUNICATIONS EXCLUSIVELY ON AGREEMENTS,
DECISIONS AND PRACTICES, THUS LEAVING OUT BASIC RIGHTS
DERIVING FROM UNCONDITIONAL DEFEAT OF GERMANY.
ACCORDINGLY, WE SUGGEST THAT CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN
TO REDRAFTING FIRST SENTENCE ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:
BEGIN TEXT: WITH REFERENCE TO THE NOTE OF THE MFA OF
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THE USSR OF AUGUST 24, 1973 (UPU DOCUMENT NO. BLANK),

THE GOVERNMENT OF BLANK WISHES TO REAFFIRM ITS POSITION THAT COMMUNICATIONS, INCLUDING POSTAL TRAFFIC TO AND FROM THE WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN, ARE FOUNDED ON THE RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE RESPONSIBLE POWERS AND REFLECTED IN EXISTING QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENTS, DECISIONS AND PRACTICES, WHICH CAN IN NO WAY BE AFFECTED BY THE GDR OR ITS MEMBERSHIP IN ANY INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION.

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2. ITU NOTE (REFTEL B) WHICH IS NEARLY IDENTICAL TO NOTE SOVIETS DELIVERED TO UPU ALSO REQUIRES ANSWER. TEXT WHEN AGREED BY BONN GROUP FOR DELIVERY IN BERN CAN BE USED WITH MINOR MODIFICATIONS FOR ITU. EMBASSY IS AUTHORIZED TO SEEK BONN GROUP AGREEMENT ON THIS POINT.

3. EMBASSY ALSO SHOULD RAISE IN BONN GROUP TWO GDR NOTES MENTIONED PARA 2 REFTEL B. WE BELIEVE THAT FIRST NOTE MERITS RESPONSE ALONG LINES OF THREE POWER NOTES USED IN WMO AND IMCO. IN OUR VIEW, SECOND NOTE REQUIRES NO ANSWER. RUSH

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